

CONUS AMMIRALIS.

VAR.

AMM: SUMMUS.

ET

CEDO NULLI.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Limax.

Testa univalvis, convoluta, turbinata.

Apertura effusa, longitudinalis, linearis, edentula, basi integra.

Columella lævis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1165.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CONUS testa albo ferrugineoque varia, basi punctato-scabra.

CONUS AMMIRALIS. C. testa basi punctato-scabra.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1167.

Var. AMMIRALIS summus. C. testa ferruginea maculis albis sparsis, fasciisque quatuor flavis tenuissime reticulatis, tertia cingulo albo maculato.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1167.

Var.

Var. Cedo nulli. C. testa testacea albo maculata,
cingulisque tribus, supremo composito, om-
nibus punctatis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1167.

In tot varietates sparguntur testæ quas complec-
titur *Coni* genus, ut uniuscujusque speciem pro certo
definire difficultissimum sit: præsertim cum ob scelera-
tas mercatorum fraudes interdum fere impossibile
sit falsas et adulterinas a veris et naturalibus se-
cernere.

Ex elegantissimis conorum est ille qui *Ammiralis*
dicitur, cuius multæ sunt varietates, quarum prin-
ceps est *Ammiralis summus*, in tabulæ nostræ parte
superiori depictus. Ex omni autem cœncharum fa-
milia, nulla est ab iis magis deamata, qui in colli-
gendifis rarioribus immodicas profundunt pecunias,
quam quæ nomine *Cedo nulli* insignita significanter
a Linnæo vocatur “ pretiosissimus artis perditæ
luxus.” Huic proprium et peculiare est quod zonæ
ferrugineæ seu aurantiæ ordinibus multis macularum
parvularum et albarum cingantur margaritis non
longe absimilium. Nullum extitisse dicitur speci-
men pulchrius et perfectius quam quod Hagæ con-
tinuere serinia Domini Lyonetti.

THE
ADMIRAL CONE.

VAR.
HIGH ADMIRAL.
AND
CEDO NULLI.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Limax or Slug.

Shell more or less conic or pyramidal.

Aperture longitudinal, linear, without teeth,
entire at the base.

Pillar smooth.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

CONE with ferruginous and white variegations,
and the base roughened with small points.

Var. High Admiral. Ferruginous Cone with
scattered white spots, and four yellow
bands finely reticulated, the third marked
by a spotted white line.

Var. Cedo nulli. Yellowish-brown Cone spotted
with white, with three bands, all marked
by rows of round white specks.

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The varieties which take place in the genus *Conus* are so numerous as to render the precise determination of the species a matter of no easy investigation: it may also be added that in no genus have the arts of dealers been more exerted, nor is it possible to determine whether many of the shells seen in collections are truly natural or not. Among the most elegant of the Cones is the *C. Ammiralis* or *Admiral-Shell*, which admits of many varieties, and of which the chief is the *C. Ammiralis summus* or *High Admiral*, represented on the upper part of the present plate. But of all the tribe that which has most excited the ambition of collectors is the variety termed *Cedo nulli*, which Linnæus emphatically calls “*pretiosissimus artis perditæ lux-us.*” This curious shell is distinguished by having the brown or orange-coloured zones ornamented with several rows of small, round, white, pearl-like specks; a particularity not to be found in any of the rest. The most perfect specimen of the *Cedo nulli* is said to have been that in the collection of Mr. Lyonet of the Hague.